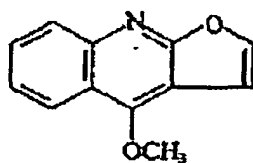


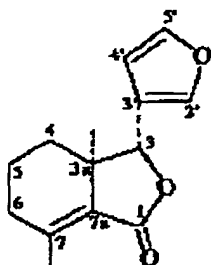
## Claims

1. A method of treating anorectal conditions in a man or woman, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an orally effective amount of an extract of *Cortex Dictamni* in unit dosage form in association with one or more carriers or excipients.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more anorectal conditions are selected from haemorrhoids, anal fissure, anal pruritus, anal pain and constipation.
3. The method of claim 1, which is a method for the treatment of symptoms of anorectal conditions selected from one or more of bleeding, pain, anal irritation, mucus discharge, and anal inflammation.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein haemorrhoids are selected from internal haemorrhoids, external haemorrhoids, or a combination of internal and external haemorrhoids.
5. The method of claim 2, wherein anal fissure is selected from chronic and acute anal fissure.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein said extract is selected from C<sub>1-8</sub> organic solvent extract, a mixture of water/C<sub>1-8</sub> organic solvent extract, and ground or otherwise particulate *Cortex Dictamni* extract.
7. The method of claim 1, which additionally includes an extract of *Sophora Flavescens*.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein *Sophora Flavescens* extract is present at a ratio 1:1-10 *Cortex Dictamni* extract on weight/weight basis.

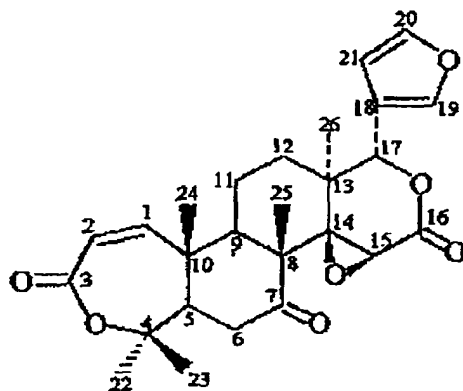
9. The method of claim 1, wherein said dosage is administered daily.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein said dosage is administered twice daily.
11. The method of claim 10, wherein said dosage comprises 5 to 150 mg of *Cortex Dictamni* extract.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein said extract comprises one or more of dictamine, fraxinellone and obacunone having the formula:



Dictamine



Fraxinellone



Obacunone

13. A method of orally treating a man or woman to ameliorate or relieve symptoms of one or more anorectal conditions, which comprises treatment with an orally effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of dictamine, obacunone, and fraxinellone in association with one or more carriers or excipients.
13. An orally administrable composition in unit dosage form comprising an extract of *Cortex Dictamni* in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients for the treatment of anorectal conditions.
14. The composition of claim 14, wherein said extract is selected from an organic solvent extract, a mixture of water/organic solvent extract, and ground or otherwise particulate extract of *Cortex Dictamni*.
15. The composition of claim 14, which additionally includes an extract of one or more of *Flos Sophore*, *Radix Sophora Flavescens*, *Radix Amepelopsis*, *Radix Rubiae*, *Radix Sanguisorbae*, *Cortex Phellodendri*, *Radix Arnebie*, *Radix Scutellaria*, and *Rhizoma Coptidis*.
16. The composition of claim 14, wherein *Sophora Flavescens* extract is present at a ratio 1:1-10 *Cortex Dictamni* extract on weight/weight basis.
17. The composition of claim 14, wherein said dosage is administered daily.
18. The composition of claim 14, wherein said dosage is administered twice daily.
19. The composition of claim 14, wherein said dosage comprises 5 to 150 mg of *Cortex Dictamni* extract.

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20. The method of claim 14, wherein said extract comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of dictamine, obacunone and fraxinellone.
- 5 21. A composition for orally treating a man or woman to ameliorate or relieve symptoms of one or more anorectal conditions, which comprises treatment with an orally effective amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of dictamine, obacunone and fraxinellone in association with one or more carriers or excipients.
- 10 22. Use of an extract of *Cortex Dictamni* for the manufacture of an orally deliverable medicament in unit dosage form for the treatment of anorectal conditions.
- 15 23. Use of an extract of *Cortex Dictamni* in the manufacture of an orally administrable medicament for the relief of symptoms of anorectal disease selected from one or more of anal bleeding, anal pain, anal irritation, mucous discharge from the anus, constipation and anal inflammation.
- 20 24. A method according to claim 1 which additionally includes an extract of one or more of *Flos Sophore*, *Radix Sophora Flavescens*, *Radix Ampelopsis*, *Radix Rubiae*, *Radix Sanguisorbae*, *Cortex Phellodendri*, *Radix Arnebie*, *Radix Scutellaria*, and *Rhizoma Coptidis*.